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From: Sophie Bradburn [sopralto817@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:32 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: HB6666, Section 5

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly advocate for Section 5 of House Bill HB6666, which will allow for adjunct faculty certificates to be issued to the highly-trained professional artists, who serve as ECA's part-time faculty, to continue their 35-year record of preparing Connecticut's high school students for our competitive global economy. If they are required to become certified for 12-hour per week part-time positions, they will not be able to do so and the school will close. This will be a terrible loss to Connecticut's high school students in 19 school districts.

I am a student at Mount Holyoke college, a music major, and I recently graduated from the Educational Center for the Arts. I originally attended the arts magnet school as an oasis from my sending school, Wilbur Cross, and because I had many friends who attended ECA, and just studied music because at the time it was an interest. I had originally planned to major in classical languages in college, but through the school (and especially a few of the teachers) I discovered a real passion for music, especially for theory and composition. (Composition especially, and I would not have discovered that were it not for those teachers) Without that, I would not be nearly as happy as I am now, and would not have found what I think to be my true calling- to teach music. (Maybe even at ECA)

Sincerely,
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